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INVOLVED IN MAGNETIZATION TRANSFER BY MEANS OF
MAGNETIC RESONANCE

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US Patent No. 5,050,609 is discussed in the present Specification on page 1, in the 3rd paragraph.

The following articles were discussed in the present Specification:

Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, "Magnetization Transfer Contrast (MTC) and Tissue Water Proton Relaxation in Vivo" (Vol. 10, P. 135-44 (1989) S. D. Wolff and R. S. Balaban is discussed on page 1, 3rd paragraph;

Magnetic Resonance Quarterly "Magnetization Transfer Contrast in Magnetic Resonance Imaging" (Vol. 8, P. 116-37 (1992) is discussed page 1, 3rd paragraph;

Magnetic Resonance in Medicine "Quantitative Interpretation of Magnetization Transfer"; (Vol. 29, P. 759-766 (1993) Henkelman R. M. et al. is discussed on page 2, 1st full paragraph;

Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (Vol. 41, P. 1065-1072 (1999); "Quantitative Imaging of Magnetization Transfer Using Multiple Selective Pulses"; D. F. Gochberg et al. is discussed on page 2, 2nd full paragraph;

Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (Vol. 46, P. 923-931 (2001) "Quantitative Imaging of Magnetization Transfer Exchange and Relaxation Properties In Vivo Using MRI"; John Sled et al. is discussed on page 2, 3rd full paragraph;

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discussed on page 8, lines 1-2 (to follow);

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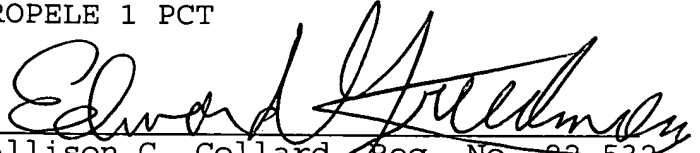
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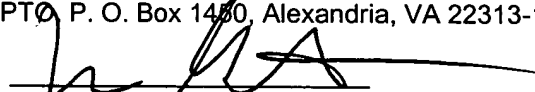
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